**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL**

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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application No.	09/402,636
Filing Date	April 26, 2000
First Named Inventor	Richard B. Mazess
Group Art Unit	1644
Examiner Name	Phuong N. Huynh, Ph.D.
Attorney Docket Number	017620-9277-00

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(Date)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114, of the above-identified application.

Submissions Included:

Amendment and Interview Summary including Exhibit A
Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 including Exhibits A-E
One Month Extension of Time
Check for \$430.00 for filing fees

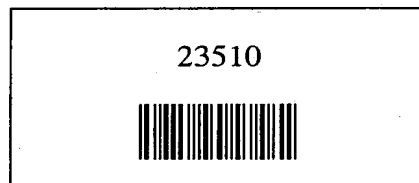
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TOTAL CLAIMS	30	MINUS	48	0	X \$9	0	
INDEP. CLAIMS	3	MINUS	8	0	X \$42	0	
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Applicant claims small entity status

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